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FOR R. HOGAN, CDC ATLANTA, FROM M. LAPOINTE, AMEMBASSY, BAMAKO

1. SURVEYED 15 VILLAGES IN NARA/NIORO CERCLES ALONG MAURITANIAN FRONTIER. SAMPLES BIASED DUE TO CRITICAL GASOLINE SHORTAGE. NO FUEL AVAILABLE IN NARA, ONLY A LIMITED AMOUNT AVAILABLE IN NIORO. CHRONIC FUEL SHORTAGES HAVE AFFECTED GRAIN DISTRIBUTION TO OUTLYING AREAS.

2. 04.6 PERCENT OF THE CHILDREN SAMPLED FELL BELOW THE 80 PERCENT LINE. TWO ADULTS HAD EVIDENCE OF EDEMA.

3. LIVESTOCK LOSS ESTIMATED AT 25 PERCENT BY FRENCH AND MALIAN LIVESTOCK EXPERTS WORKING IN THE AREA. CATTLE PRICES BETWEEN 20,000 - 25,000 MF PER HEAD; SHEEP 4,500 MF; GOATS 3,500.O DURING PEAK PERIOD OF LIVESTOCK LOSS PRICES FELL ABOUT 25 PERCENT.

4. NARA GRAIN IMPORTS SINCE JAN TOTAL 963 TONS MILLET 90 TONS RICE. NIORO GRAIN IMPORTS 1,832 TONS MILLET, 100 TONS RICE - UNCLASSIFIED

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PRICE MILLET 45 MF PER KILO, PRICE RICE 81 MF PER KILO. RECENTLY

GRAIN HAS BEEN FLOWN IN FROM DAKAR, AVERAGE 28-30 TONS DAILY.

5. VILLAGES PURCHASE LOCAL MILLET ON OPEN MARKET FOR THREE TIMES OFFICIAL PRICE. IN NARA, VILLAGERS PURCHASE GRAIN IN SEGOU REGION. IN NIORO, VILLAGERS PURCHASE GRAIN IN KITA AREA.

6. MOST VILLAGES SURVEYED HAVE PLANTED MILLET THREE TIMES. THERE IS LITTLE PLANTING OF PEANUTS, BEANS, AND CORN BECAUSE SEEDS HAVE BEEN CONSUMED. SINCE RAINS THE COWS HAVE BEEN PRODUCING MORE MILK FOR VILLAGE CONSUMPTION.

7. MEASLES AND SMALLPOX MAINTENANCE VACCINATION ARE NOT BEING DONE. SEVERAL VILLAGES HAVE HAD MEASLES OUTBREAKS WITH HIGH MORTALITY RATE. VERY FEW YOUNG CHILDREN HAVE EVIDENCE OF SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS.

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